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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

On page 1, please delete the paragraph beginning at line 8 and replace it with the following paragraph:

--This application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/499,176, filed on February 7, 2000; which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/327,096, filed on June 7, 1999, now abandoned; which application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/088,465, filed June 8, 1998, and U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/093,068, filed July 16, 1998; which applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.--

In the Claims:

Please delete Claims 1-36 and 38-63, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested prior to examination of this application on the merits.

In these amendments, the specification has been amended to include further information on related applications. Additionally, Claims 1-36 and 38-63 have been deleted, without prejudice or disclaimer, leaving Claim 37 as the sole remaining claim. Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the cancelled claims in a continuation application.

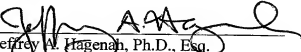
Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, a marked-up version showing the changes made to the specification is attached.

Early examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION OF AMENDMENTS WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

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